

**Southern NH SEVERE Drought Notice**  
**Attention Fremont Residents**

The drought in Southeast New Hampshire continues to worsen as the water levels deplete, and we have negligible rain to help restore the supply. This severe area includes all of Rockingham County. Low snowpack last winter, precipitation 50% below normal levels, and high evaporation rates during the unusually hot summer months have all contributed to the drought conditions.

Fremont Public Officials are now strongly urging that you conserve water as much as possible, and eliminate all unnecessary outside water usage. Saving water for essential uses such as fire suppression, drinking, cooking, sanitation and cleaning of clothes and dishes is paramount. Several recent fires in the area have exhausted ponds and streams and they will not replenish without substantial rain.

**There should be no non-essential uses such as watering lawns, washing vehicles outdoors and hosing down your driveway as we try to save what water stores we have to make it through this critical time.**

You may know that Fremont has a great deal of wetlands and an extremely large aquifer, but all of these resources are also being depleted during these drought times. We must be cognizant of the decreased water resources and do what we can to conserve and preserve as much as possible to get us through this low point until we see significant rains. We now need weeks of rain (as much as 8-16 inches) to recover to normal water levels. This is significant.

Information about current drought conditions, water efficiency tips and drought guidance are available online at [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) and the Drought Management Program.

We thank you for your consideration of this important resource and look forward to working with our residents to get through this drought.

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